

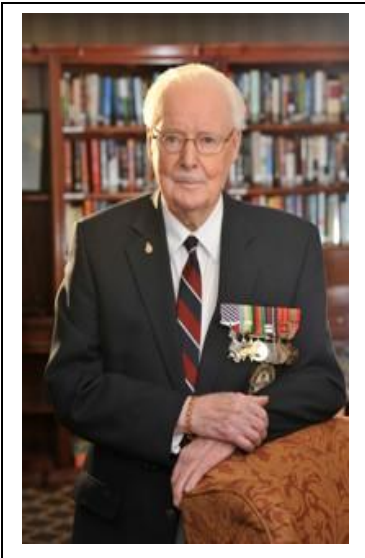


# CANADIAN AVIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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# Grisly and the Bear



In September 1941, **Pilot Officer Cliff Black**, 24, investigated the crash of Anson N9818 near Hope, BC while he was based at No. 13 OTU, Pat Bay, BC.

Over seventy years later, Cliff said to Anne, “Have I got a story to tell you!” reliving the experience once again, sharing first-hand details of the ordeal of getting to the crash as well as what happened afterwards.

Anne combines Cliff’s memories with newspaper reports and official files from the RCAF and the BC Provincial Police within her presentation, commemorating WWII aviation history and the risks involved in transporting aircraft over the Rocky Mountains during WWII.

Group Captain Cliff Black, DFC, CD and Clasp, Croix de Guerre with Silver Star (France) retired from the RCAF in 1968, and has twice been featured at meetings of our chapter. Cliff passed away in April 2016. He would have turned 100 on January 28th.

**Anne Gafiuk** was an elementary school teacher who turned to freelance writing while raising her family. During her research into WWII RCAF pilots she became very interested in vintage aircraft, the people involved with them and their history, taking her on a new flight of discovery. Anne is the author of **Wings Over High River**, a biography of Gordon Jones and **She Made them Family: A Scrapbook From the Prairies**. Look for her next book, **Quietus: Last Flight, Accident Proneness in WWII, Wartime Aviation Stories on the Canadian Home Front**, later this year.



## Thursday, January 19 @ 7:00 p.m.

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